

MINUTES FOR THE
CLINTON COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING
June 8, 2021

The Clinton County Council met in the Commissioner's Meeting Room at the Clinton County Courthouse, Frankfort, Indiana on June 8, 2021, at the hour of 9:00 a.m. regular Council meeting, pursuant in accordance with law and publication as evidence by proof of the minutes of the last meeting, and any other business that may come before it. Council President Alan Dunn called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. On call to order the following members were shown to be present or absent.

PRESENT

Alan Dunn
Clark Beard
Jeff Chynoweth

Mike Hensley
Jon Hussey
Jake Myers

ABSENT

Ron Gascho

Britt A Ostler, Clinton County Auditor, was present to record the proceedings of the Council.

Others present were: First Deputy Auditor Janet Lloyd, Greg Miller, Ken Hartman, Renee Crick, Mark Timmons, Rick Campbell, Dana Myers, Rhea Harris and others as mentioned in the minutes.

Council member Beard moved seconded by Council member Chynoweth to approve the minutes of the May 11, 2021, meeting. Motion carried 6-0.

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

Community Corrections Director Brett Barton stated that of the clients on electronic monitoring in May 2021, 10 of those were juveniles and 5 were on CTP. His department is currently working on submitting their grant.

PROBATION

President Dunn reviewed the Probation report submitted by Nancy Ward showing expenses of \$.00 for the month of May 2021.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION 2021-04 Establishing the Policy by Which Members of the County Council may Participate By Electronic Means of Communication

A declaration of a State of Emergency called by the State enabled the ability to attend meetings electronically. A brief discussion was had regarding the matters this Resolution exempts and the requirement of at least 50% of the members must be in person. Upon motion by Council Member Beard, seconded by Council member Hensley. Resolution 2021-04 passed 6-0.

Liz Stitzel, Area Plan Director, spoke regarding the ESRI Server Software proposal. Council member Chynoweth questioned if a server could be shared with EMS/911. Ms Stitzel stated that she and Mrs. Crick, 911 Director, had discussed this and it was decided that many complications and issues could arise in doing so. Council supports the proposal and advised her to move forward.

Chief Deputy, Shawn Mayfield, was present to speak regarding a proposal to replace outdated SWAT gear (helmets and vests). All gear has a 5 year lifespan. Lieutenant Dan Roudebush gave a thorough visual presentation of the gear needing replaced and how the new gear would differ in weight, safety and functionality. The gear being retired will be used during training simulations. If gear is continued to be used after the 5 year expiration date, all liability from equipment failure would fall on the County, not the manufacturer. In the past, the department has used fundraising events to purchase much of the gear and equipment needed without asking the County for additional funding. However, the current gear will "expire" in a matter of a couple of months, making the situation critical. The Council expressed their desire that, in the future, the Sheriff's Department be more aware of these expiration dates and add to their yearly budget accordingly. Council member Chynoweth moved, with a second by Council member Myers, to purchase SWAT equipment using the LIT Public Safety special distribution monies. Motion carried 6-0.

Chief Deputy Mayfield then spoken regarding retiree insurance. It was brought to the Council's attention that, per a State Statute, the County is obligated to provide health insurance to Sheriff Department retirees. President Dunn would like the Benefit's Committee to look further into this request since approving this would have a dramatic effect on the County budget and, potentially, premiums.

OLD BUSINESS

Additional Appropriations Ordinance No. CO-2021-09

President Dunn proceeded to describe each request and then asked for a motion for approval of the entire slate at the end. Upon motion by Council member Myers, seconded by Council member Hensley, the Motion to approval the following Additional carried 6-0:

An additional appropriation request from the Auditor's Office in the amount of \$4,893.71 in the County General Fund for 1000-000-00-0021 Grant Reimbursement to Commissary Fund.

An additional appropriation request from Parkview Home in the amount of \$256.08 in the County General Fund for 1000-622-02-0012 Food.

An additional appropriation request from the Auditor's Office in the amount of \$10,720.82 in the County General Fund for 1000-000-03-0030 CC Training Facility Expenses.

An additional appropriation request from the Sheriff's Office in the amount of \$178.58 in the County General Fund for 1000-380-03-0006 Jail-Medical & Hospital.

An additional appropriation request from the Sheriff's Office in the amount of \$180.00 in the County General Fund for 1000-380-03-0006 Jail-Medical & Hospital.

An additional appropriation request from the Auditor's Office in the amount of \$575.96 in the County General Fund for 1000-000-04-0001 COVID Disbursement.

An additional appropriation request from the Commissioners in the amount of \$3017.00 in the County General Fund for 1000-04-0001 COVID Disbursement.

An additional appropriation request from the Sheriff's Office in the amount of \$3000.00 in the Firearms Training Fund for 1156-000-04-0040 Weapons.

An additional appropriation request from the Sheriff's Office in the amount of \$3000.00 in the Sex/Violent Offender Admin Fund for 1192-000-04-0001 Equipment.

An additional appropriation request from the Clinton Circuit Court in the amount of \$7239.22 in the Supp Public Defender Serv Fees Fund for 1200-232-03-0047 Pauper Attorney Fees.

An additional appropriation request from the Clinton Superior Court in the amount of \$1065.50 in the Supp Public Defender Serv Fees Fund for 1200-000-03-0047 Pauper Attorney Fees.

An additional appropriation request from Probation in the amount of \$5600.60 in the Adult Probation Admin Fund for 2000-000-03-0086 TRECS.

An additional appropriation request from the Veteran's Department in the amount of \$500.00 in the Monument Fund for 4103-000-03-0001 Misc Expenditures.

An additional appropriation request from the Auditor's Office in the amount of \$35,000 in the Landfill Fund for 4901-000-03-00036 GIS Server/Licensing.

An additional appropriation request from the Auditor's Office in the amount of \$28,800 in the Landfill Fund for 4901-000-03-00035 American Structure Point.

An additional appropriation request from the Surveyor's Office in the amount of \$749.16 in the User Fee Fund for 4902-000-03-0001 Professional Services.

An additional appropriation request from the Health Department in the amount of \$2000 in the Travel Immunization Fund for 4905-000-02-0001 Supplies.

An additional appropriation request from Community Corrections in the amount of \$3745.37 in Project Income Fund for 4914-000-03-0061 TRECS Collections.

An additional appropriation request from Auditor's Office in the amount of \$30,859.20 in Federal Inmate Housing Fund for 4968-000-04-0010 Vehicle Lease/Purchase.

Transfers no approval required

\$11,825.79 from 1135-100-03-0055 Highway Bridge #55 to 1135-100-03-0036 Bridge #36

\$2000.00 from 1159-000-03-0052 BOH Gas to 1159-000-03-0054 Cleaning

\$2000.00 from 1159-000-03-0051 BOH Electricity to 1159-03-0054 Cleaning

Council reviewed the Monthly Financial Report for May. Council member Chynoweth moved, seconded by Council member Beard to approve said report. Motion carried 6-0.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Jeff Chynoweth reported he visited with the Mayor, Shan Sheridan, schools and industry leaders at the old Marsh building. They would like to make the Marsh building a Career Center for the County schools to utilize. The schools could provide the staffing and curriculum, but need help purchasing the facility. The Lafayette Career Center is having a large impact on our young people entering the workforce. Clinton County is losing a lot of those workers to Lafayette. Our own Career Center could help alleviate that issue and keep our young adults in the County. They have asked for the County to help purchase the building.

Clark Beard reported that he had attended a Community Behavioral Health meeting. Their organization is currently down several staff members. Community Corrections is taking advantage of services they offer. There is a desire for more collaboration with Healthy Communities and other such organizations.

Jake Myers mentioned his desire to see a bonus given to County employees with the ARP (American Rescue Plan) money. He stated that employees worked through the pandemic and should be rewarded. President Dunn mentioned the working group does have that on the list, along with a lot of good, viable options for the use of that money.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

None

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

CENTRAL DISPATCH

Renee Crick stated that the radio equipment in Central Dispatch is at the end of life. She met with Motorola and determined the approximate replacement cost will be around \$636,000. This proposal includes a much needed two-position backup. There is currently enough money in the Emergency 911 Fund to fully pay for this. However, Mrs. Crick feels it might not be prudent to do so. She will have Motorola put together several options for payment, including leasing.

The communication antenna has had to be removed from the water tower. The tower at the Sheriff's Office may be the most viable option for future installment. That tower is 180 feet whereas the water tower is 150 feet. This would be a better option and more cost effective if the tower is stable and able to accommodate the antenna.

Motion by Council member Chynoweth, with a second by Council member Hussey, to approve the purchase of new 911 radio equipment. Motion carried 6-0.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Rodney Wann reported that the trailer for remote vaccinations will finally be delivered next week. The department has submitted \$66,000 for reimbursement. Additional part time employees are needed for administering normal vaccinations. He would like to see an ample supply of PPE put back for possible future needs.

Mr. Wann complimented the community staff (volunteers) at the COVID vaccination clinic. Their support has been valuable to the success of the clinic.

President Dunn complimented Rodney and his staff for running a well organized and efficient clinic for our County.

CLERK'S OFFICE

Rhea Harris, Clerk of the Courts, informed Mr. Wann that her office has received extra PPE that they're unable to use. She has passed it on to EMA to be stored and will continue to do so if she receives more from the State.


Mrs. Harris also spoke regarding the need for additional voter pads. She may be able to get some for free from the State.

BUDGETS

Council President Dunn asked for discussion on salary raises for the proposed 2022 budget. He stated that the State numbers were better than expected for 2021. Motion by Council member Myers, seconded by Council Member Hensley, to have the Department Heads submit 4% raises. Motion carried 6-0.

Meeting Adjourned: 10:38 am

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ATTEST:

Britt A. Ostler, Clinton County Auditor